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In re application of: Bart Van Den Hazel

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For: **Full-Length Interferon Gamma Polypeptide Variants**

Art Unit: 1642

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In the Restriction Requirement mailed on January 8, 2008 and the subsequent telephone discussion with the Examiner on February 4, 2008 which clarified the members of each group, the Examiner grouped the claims as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-18, 20-40, 42-47, 50, 51 and 59 drawn to an interferon-gamma polypeptide variant, nucleotides encoding such and a method of making;

Group II: Claim 56 drawn to a method of treating or preventing interstitial pulmonary diseases by administering the interferon gamma.

Applicants hereby elect the group I claims (claims 1-18, 20-40, 42-47, 50, 51 and 59) without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to request rejoinder of method claims having all the limitations of any allowable product claim.

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It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this submission. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0990.

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